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IN REPLY REFTTEL, IN VIEW SEYCHELLES REMOTE LOCATION IN INDIAN OCEAN, SUBJECT SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION ON AFRICAN CONTINENT NOT REGARDED AS LARGE ISSUE OR OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION FROM ME ON MATTER AT MAY 31 MEETING, PRESIDENT RENE NOTED THAT CUBANS HAVE BEEN INVITED IN TO PROTECT GOVERNMENTS WHOSE SURVIVAL WAS AT STAKE. RENE FURTHER OBSERVED THAT ANY GOVERNMENT FACED WITH THREAT TO ITS SURVIVAL WOULD PROBABLY ACT IN SIMILAR MANNER. SINCE, IN RENE'S VIEW, MAJOR POWERS (HE NAMED UK, FRANCE, PRC, SOVIETS, U.S.) WOULD DECLINE TO ASSIST MILITARILY, SMALL, RELATIVELY WEAK STATES WOULD HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO CALL FOR ASSISTANCE WHERE IT IS LIKELY TO BE AVAILABLE.
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